

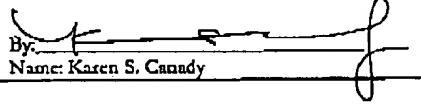
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1648**
Due Date: October 25, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ulrich Schubert et al. Examiner: Mary Mosher
 Serial No.: 09/913,927 Group Art Unit: 1648
 Filed: January 14, 2002 Docket: G&C 151.2-US-WO
 Title: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS PROTEIN R (VPR) OF
 HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE
 UTILIZATION THEREOF

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003, which was made final, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application. Because October 25, 2003, fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed on the next business day, Monday, October 27, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 5.

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